GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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EXPENDITURE ON AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred by the Government on various awareness campaign on AIDS, during year 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 and estimated amount likely to be spent during year 2001-2002;

(b) the average per head expenditure incurred by the Government to conduct Elisa Test for HIV;

(c) whether the Government will contemplate to provide syringes and needles free of cost or on the cost basis itself at all health centers of the country in order to boost this campaign;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Earmarked allocation of funds for AIDS awareness during last 4 years and projection for 2001-2002 is as under:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

1997-98	3907.32
1998-99	3955.39
1999-2000	6347.27
2000-2001	7450.00
2001-2002	7760.00

(b) The average per head expenditure incurred by the Government to conduct ELISA Test for HIV is approximately Rs.50/-(Rupees fifty).

(c), (d) & (e) No, Sir. Government of India has undertaken a massive training programme for medical and para-medical workers to sensitise them about the use of sterilised syringes and needles to ensure universal bio-safety precautions in all health care settings.